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CALTRANS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) celebrated Diversity Awareness Day at the District Eight Office located in San Bernardino on Wednesday, September 05, 2007. Similar events were held at every District office throughout the state to celebrate the wealth of cultural differences that comprise the Department.

The event, hosted by the Civil Rights/Equal Opportunity Office, was designed to provide an opportunity for Caltrans' employees to experience each other's unique cultures. Ten groups representing multiple nationalities participated in today's events. Each group staffed a booth complete with food, flags, decorations, and information regarding the cultures represented. Many participants also wore traditional clothing. Entertainment provided by the groups included traditional music, dance, and a fashion show.

"Today's Diversity Awareness Day was an excellent opportunity for the employees of Caltrans' to share their cultures and customs with each other", said District Director Michael Perovich. "In an organization as large and diverse as Caltrans, building strong relationships benefits not only Caltrans, but also the motoring public. What better way to build these strong ties than by learning about each other's heritage?"

Over 600 employees took part of today's festivities. The event was made possible by donations from employees and various employee organizations.

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